

December 16, 1971

Albion College
Albion, Michigan

Attention of Mr. Metzler

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

In the past three (3) years the disposal of rubbish at the Albion Landfill has increased over 300% and the cost of operation (in order to meet State requirements) has increased 20% to 50%. As you can readily see, this has resulted in a tremendous loss to the owner and operator of the Landfill.

We are now receiving only enough revenue to cover 75% of our operating cost and I feel anyone using a privately owned Landfill, the size of this, should at least be able to pay the cost of operation.

It is a well known fact that a privately owned business is usually operated much less than any Government operated business. The Albion City Management has no knowledge of the operating cost or amount of rubbish disposed of by any outside user, therefore, they have no right or authority to quote prices or accept any money from any paying landfill users, only through taxes from residences and industries in the City limit of Albion only.

My agreement was, and still is, that any paying user of Albion Landfill (being privately owned and operated) must make price agreement and payments to the Landfill Owner.

I understand in 1971 the College paid the City of Albion \$2500.00 for the use of my Landfill. This I never received, which indicates my services for the year 1971 were still a donation to the College.

For approximately 5 years now I have donated disposal service to the Albion College. Had you been charged the regular rates this would have amounted to approximately \$16,000.00. I feel I can no longer continue this arrangement because of the extreme loss of the operation, therefore, I must charge the College for dumping service.

We have kept a record of your rubbish now for four (4) months and on the basis of our posted rates your minimum charge would be at least \$350.00 per month. After January 1, 1972 anyone not under some contract agreement with the Owner of the Albion Landfill, and, paid up in advance will not be accepted unless they pay cash for each and every load before dumping, in accordance with posted charges.

In the case of the Albion College I am going to bill you for \$250.00 per month, or, \$1500.00 in advance for 6-months service; which does not cover any Demolition Materials. Your check must be made out direct to "Gordon D. Stevick, Owner and Operator of Landfill". I feel by charging \$250.00 per month, this would give you a very fair average price for the year around service.

GORDON D. STEVICK, Owner of Land
and, Operator of Landfill

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